

House Study Bill 239

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ECONOMIC GROWTH BILL BY
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the creation of enterprise zones in relation
2 to Iowa great places projects and certified cultural and
3 entertainment districts.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. Section 15E.192, Code 2007, is amended by
1 2 adding the following new subsection:
1 3 NEW SUBSECTION. 3A. A city or county may create an
1 4 economic development enterprise zone as authorized in this
1 5 division, subject to certification by the department of
1 6 economic development, by designating up to four square miles
1 7 of the city for that purpose. In order for an enterprise zone
1 8 to be certified pursuant to this subsection, an enterprise
1 9 zone shall meet the distress criteria provided in section
1 10 15E.194, subsection 3A. Section 15E.194, subsections 1 and 2,
1 11 shall not apply to an enterprise zone certified pursuant to
1 12 this subsection.
1 13 Sec. 2. Section 15E.192, subsection 4, paragraph b, Code
1 14 2007, is amended to read as follows:
1 15 b. A county or city may apply to the department for an
1 16 area to be certified as an enterprise zone at any time prior
1 17 to July 1, 2010. However, the total amount of land designated
1 18 as enterprise zones under subsection 1, and any other
1 19 enterprise zones certified by the department, excluding those
1 20 approved pursuant to subsection 2 and section 15E.194,
1 21 subsections 3, 3A, and 5, shall not exceed in the aggregate
1 22 one percent of the total county area.
1 23 Sec. 3. Section 15E.193B, subsection 1, Code 2007, is
1 24 amended to read as follows:
1 25 1. A housing business qualifying under this section is
1 26 eligible to receive incentives and assistance only as provided
1 27 in this section. An eligible housing business shall not
1 28 receive incentives or assistance for a home or multiple
1 29 dwelling unit built or rehabilitated in an enterprise zone
1 30 designated pursuant to section 15E.194, subsection 3, 3A, or
1 31 5. Sections 15E.193 and 15E.196 do not apply to an eligible
1 32 housing business qualifying under this section.
1 33 Sec. 4. Section 15E.194, Code 2007, is amended by adding
1 34 the following new subsection:
1 35 NEW SUBSECTION. 3A. A city or county may designate an
2 1 area of up to four square miles to be an enterprise zone if an
2 2 Iowa great places project is located in the proposed
2 3 enterprise zone or if a cultural and entertainment district
2 4 certified pursuant to section 303.3B is located in the
2 5 proposed enterprise zone. An eligible housing business under
2 6 section 15E.193B shall not receive incentives or assistance
2 7 for a home or multiple dwelling unit built or rehabilitated in
2 8 an enterprise zone designated pursuant to this subsection.
2 9 Sec. 5. Section 15E.194, subsection 4, Code 2007, is
2 10 amended to read as follows:
2 11 4. The department of economic development shall certify
2 12 eligible enterprise zones that meet the requirements of
2 13 subsection 1 upon request by the county, subsection 2 upon
2 14 request by the city, ~~or~~ subsection 3 upon request by the city,
2 15 subsection 3A by a city or county, as applicable.
2 16 Sec. 6. Section 15E.195, subsections 1 and 2, Code 2007,
2 17 are amended to read as follows:

2 18 1. A county which designates an enterprise zone pursuant
2 19 to section 15E.194, subsection 1 or 3A, and in which an
2 20 eligible enterprise zone is certified shall establish an
2 21 enterprise zone commission to review applications from
2 22 qualified businesses located within or requesting to locate
2 23 within an enterprise zone designated pursuant to section
2 24 15E.194, subsection 1 or 3A, to receive incentives or
2 25 assistance as provided in section 15E.196. The enterprise
2 26 zone commission shall also review applications from qualified
2 27 housing businesses requesting to receive incentives or
2 28 assistance as provided in section 15E.193B. The commission
2 29 shall consist of nine members. Five of these members shall
2 30 consist of one representative of the board of supervisors, one
2 31 member with economic development expertise chosen by the
2 32 department of economic development, one representative of the
2 33 county zoning board, one member of the local community college
2 34 board of directors, and one representative of the local
2 35 workforce development center. These five members shall select
3 1 the remaining four members. If the enterprise zone consists
3 2 of an area meeting the requirements for eligibility for an
3 3 urban or rural enterprise community under Title XIII of the
3 4 federal Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993, one of the
3 5 remaining four members shall be a representative of that
3 6 community. A county shall have only one enterprise zone
3 7 commission to review applications for incentives and
3 8 assistance for businesses located within or requesting to
3 9 locate within a certified enterprise zone designated pursuant
3 10 to section 15E.194, subsection 1 or 3A.

3 11 2. A city which includes at least three census tracts with
3 12 at least fifty percent of the population in each census tract
3 13 located in the city and which designates an enterprise zone
3 14 pursuant to section 15E.194, subsection 2, or 3, or 3A, and in
3 15 which an eligible enterprise zone is certified shall establish
3 16 an enterprise zone commission to review applications from
3 17 qualified businesses located within or requesting to locate
3 18 within an enterprise zone to receive incentives or assistance
3 19 as provided in section 15E.196. The enterprise zone
3 20 commission shall review applications from qualified housing
3 21 businesses requesting to receive incentives or assistance as
3 22 provided in section 15E.193B. The commission shall consist of
3 23 nine members. Six of these members shall consist of one
3 24 representative of an international labor organization, one
3 25 member with economic development expertise chosen by the
3 26 department of economic development, one representative of the
3 27 city council, one member of the local community college board
3 28 of directors, one member of the city planning and zoning
3 29 commission, and one representative of the local workforce
3 30 development center. These six members shall select the
3 31 remaining three members. If the enterprise zone consists of
3 32 an area meeting the requirements for eligibility for an urban
3 33 enterprise community under Title XIII of the federal Omnibus
3 34 Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993, one of the remaining three
3 35 members shall be a representative of that community. If a
4 1 city contiguous to the city designating the enterprise zone is
4 2 included in an enterprise zone, a representative of the
4 3 contiguous city, chosen by the city council, shall be a member
4 4 of the commission. A city in which an eligible enterprise
4 5 zone is certified shall have only one enterprise zone
4 6 commission. If a city has established an enterprise zone
4 7 commission prior to July 1, 1998, the city may petition to the
4 8 department of economic development to change the structure of
4 9 the existing commission.

4 10 EXPLANATION

4 11 This bill relates to the creation of enterprise zones in
4 12 relation to Iowa great places projects and certified cultural
4 13 and entertainment districts.

4 14 The bill allows a city or county to designate an area of up
4 15 to four square miles to be an enterprise zone if an Iowa great
4 16 places project is located in the proposed enterprise zone or
4 17 if a certified cultural and entertainment district is located
4 18 in the proposed enterprise zone. The bill provides that such
4 19 enterprise zones will not be included in determining the land
4 20 area limits for enterprise zones. The bill provides that an
4 21 eligible housing business shall not receive incentives or
4 22 assistance for a home or multiple dwelling unit built or
4 23 rehabilitated in an enterprise zone designated pursuant to the
4 24 bill.